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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Finding the right healthcare team: Compassionate providers and staff make patients feel welcome and heard

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Kimala McClain, 42, had not been to see a physician in more than 12 years. A combination of fear, stress and apprehension kept her away.

"Everything about the doctor's office terrified me," McClain says. "Throughout my life, anything wrong with me was always down to my weight. Yes, I am a bigger girl, but they even tried to tell me that even my migraines would stop if I lost weight. When the new family practice opened just a block away, I thought I should at least try."

With her husband's encouragement, she made an appointment with Mindy Thompson, a certified nurse practitioner at Mary Rutan Family Care in Waynesfield.

"I expressed all my concerns to

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Alyssa Grant, a senior at Bellefontaine High School, serves up a slice of strawberry cheesecake Saturday afternoon at the Wake up The World Ministry, one of three "soup kitchen" sites that offered free meals. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TOM STEPHENS)

Soup Kitchens prove to be a big hit

BY TOM STEPHENS
EXAMINER CONTRIBUTOR

The spirit of the holiday season was in full bloom this past weekend as three temporary "soup kitchens" were opened in the county, where scores of free meals were served to any and all visitors as an impetus to bring our community together.

The kitchens were open for business from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Knead More Massage, 466 County Road 11, Bellefontaine; Wake Up The World Ministry, 600 E. Brown Ave., Bellefontaine; and the Galilee Lutheran Church, 301 Lincoln Blvd. in Russells Point, all of which were staffed by volunteers who prepared and brought everything from smoked turkey to strawberry cheesecake to feed those who gathered for the free meal.

The idea for the soup kitchens came from Dustin Ragland, the administrator of Facebook's United Silent Majority of Logan County.

"I think that it's important to build a community atmosphere in our communities and neighborhoods throughout the area because that's what's important,

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'Friendsgiving' meal brings FFA members together for fellowship, service

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Benjamin Logan FFA Chapter gathered for its November meeting by hosting a Friendsgiving celebration that combined organizational business with meaningful community service and fellowship.

Approximately 60 FFA members and guests attended the meeting and Friendsgiving meal.

During the meeting, members discussed and passed several main motions, including adopting a family for the holiday season and sponsoring an Ag Bag through the Logan County Farm Bureau. These initiatives reflect the chapter's ongoing commitment to serving the local community and supporting area families.

Following the adjournment of the business session, members enjoyed a Friendsgiving meal, with the help of contributions from their families.

This time of fellowship provided

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FFA members fill their plates with at their Friendsgiving buffet at Benjamin Logan High School. (BENJAMIN LOGAN FFA PHOTO)

PREVIEW

City council to consider pay scales, new positions

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Bellefontaine City Council will be deliberating a full slate of ordinances at its meeting tonight, Tuesday, Nov. 25, as 13 measures will be up for a second reading before council, while two new pieces of legislation will be offered for a first reading.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Among those ordinances up for a second reading are measures setting the pay scales for Bellefontaine Municipal Court Judge, council members, clerk of council, mayor, law director, auditor and treasurer, as well as the 2026 supervisory wage scale, the 2026 service wage scale, the 2026 Municipal Court employees wages and the 2026 clerical workers pay.

Also up for second readings are ordinances that will allow to adopt whistleblower, nepotism, social media use regulations and travel reimbursement policies for the city.

The council will also consider measures that will allow the purchase of miscellaneous supplies and making temporary appropriations for the year beginning Jan. 1, 2026, through Dec. 31, 2026, as well as ordinances that will create positions for a chief deputy clerk for the Municipal Court, a position for the wastewater department, an assistant water superintendent, and an assistant sewer superintendent.

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Written prior, 1931,
by Kin Hubbard,
a world-famous newspaper
humorist and father of late T.E.
Hubbard, former Examiner
owner/publisher

■ BELLEFONTAINE BEAT

POLICE & FIRE

Domestic incident leads to arrest

A Bellefontaine woman was lodged in the Logan County Jail after she reportedly assaulted her roommate Sunday, Nov. 23.

Officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department responded to an address on Gunntown Road at 10:25 p.m. on the report of a domestic dispute.

Once police arrived, the victim told officers that Stephanie L. Newman, 34, of Bellefontaine, struck and scratched them several times, with police noting the victim had visible injuries, including a red area on their face, several scratches on their arms, as well as clump of hair that were reportedly yanked off the victim's head.

Newman left the apartment prior to police arriving, but was soon located in her vehicle near the intersection of Kent Drive and Wright Street.

After speaking with both parties, Newman was arrested on the charge of

domestic violence and taken to the Logan County Jail.

Man lodged on parole violation

Police also report the arrest of David J. Williams, 46, of Bellefontaine for a parole violation following a traffic stop on the west side of the city at 11:43 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22.

Williams was a passenger in a car that was stopped for a traffic violation and was not wearing a seat belt. Williams reportedly gave police a fake name when questioned, but officers, having had contact with Williams before, contacted dispatch who informed them that Williams was wanted for a parole violation from the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

Once Williams was positively identified, he was arrested without incident on the parole violation warrant and lodged in the jail, while the driver of the vehicle was issued a warning for a stop sign violation.

FRIENDSGIVING

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an opportunity for students to connect with one another and continue building the strong, family-like atmosphere that is central to the FFA experience.

After the meal, members transitioned into a hands-on service project, creating hand-crocheted blankets to donate to the local domestic violence shelter, the Soteria House. This act of service underscores the chapter's dedication to meeting community needs and supporting individuals facing challenging circumstances.

Community engagement remains a top priority for the Benjamin Logan FFA Chapter, and the November



A Benjamin Logan FFA member crochets a blanket to donate to the local domestic violence shelter. (BENJAMIN LOGAN FFA PHOTO)

Friendsgiving event showcased the organization's values of leadership, service and unity. For more information about Benjamin Logan

FFA programs or upcoming events, contact the chapter adviser at the Benjamin Logan Agricultural Education Department.

PICTURESQUE SUNRISE TO START THE WEEK



David Harshbarger from Lakeside Pro Bass Shop captured a serene sunrise around 7:15 a.m. on a cool but calm morning over Indian Lake next to his shop at 11042 State Route 235, Lakeview, on Monday, Nov. 24. (DAVID HARSHBARGER PHOTO)

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The Logan County History Center will be hosting our annual Christmas Open House
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❁ ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE ❁

SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH 1:00 - Carol Burton & Marianne Antram - Flute music, Orr Mansion 2:00 - Carol Burton - Piano music, Orr Mansion 2:15 - Lynix Quartet, Transportation Museum 3:00 - Kacey Adams - Piano students, Orr Mansion	SATURDAY, DEC. 13TH 1:00 - Friendly Senior Center Choir - Transportation Museum 1:00 - Leanna George Piano Students, Orr Mansion 2:00 - Leanna George - Piano music, Orr Mansion 3:00 - Cindy Bleininger - Piano music, Orr Mansion
SUNDAY, DEC. 7TH 1:00 - Lynn Fullerton & Mary Drake, Transportation Museum 1:00 - St. Patrick Church Choir, Orr Mansion 3:00 - Paula Dearduff Piano Students, Orr Mansion	SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH 1:00 - Mad River Dulcimer Society, Transportation Museum 1:00 - Shirley McPherson Piano Students, Orr Mansion 2:00 - Shirley McPherson & Kacey Adams - Piano music, Orr Mansion 2:30 - Brenda Stinson Thomas & Kacey Adams - Piano music, Orr Mansion 3:00 - Popular Demand Quartet, Barbershop, Transportation Museum

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■ THANKSGIVING NOTES

No newspaper Nov. 27 in observance of Thanksgiving

The Bellefontaine Examiner will not be published Thursday, Nov. 27, in observance of Thanksgiving.

The office at 717 S. Main St. will also be closed Nov. 27 as well.

Logan County Libraries announces holiday closings

The Logan County Libraries will be closed for Thanksgiving at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, and all day Thursday, Nov. 27.

EVENTS

• **First United Methodist Church's 23rd annual Thanksgiving love dinner** - Noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, at the church, 201 N. Main St., Bellefontaine; for dine-in or delivery; the meal includes turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce and pie; requests for delivery must be received before noon Tuesday, Nov. 25, by calling the church office, (937) 592-9651 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, callers are asked not to leave a voicemail; donations are appreciated.

• **AMVETS Post 39's annual Thanksgiving community dinner** - 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, at the AMVETS, 110 W. Harrison St., Lakeview, open to the public, dine-in or carry-out; call in same day between 1 to 4 p.m. for carry-out, (937) 843-5641; donations are welcome.

KITCHENS

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caring for and loving the people who are our neighbors," Ragland said of the soup kitchens.

"Even if you don't know your neighbors, this is a good opportunity to get to know them," Ragland continued.

In addition to the wide variety of foods and other goodies that were available to all visitors at the three kitchens, Santa Claus made an appearance at each of the locales, where children of all ages could fill Santa in whether they have

been naughty or nice over the last year and perhaps even give the Merry Old Elf an inkling of what they would like to find under the tree Christmas morning.

Ragland said that plans are being made to conduct a food drive in the next several weeks to help feed those in need over the holidays. Further details on the food drive will be announced, to afford those in our community with an opportunity to offer a holiday meal or two to our neighbors who need it most.

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OBITUARIES

Ralph Elwood Melvin, Jr.

Ralph Elwood Melvin, Jr., 66, of rural East Liberty, was called home to his Lord on Friday morning, November 21, 2025. He passed away at his home following a long battle with colon cancer.

Ralph was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on October 20, 1959, to the late Patricia Ann (Mills) Melvin and Ralph Elwood Melvin, Sr.



Ralph is survived by his wife Cindy (Frost) Melvin, whom he married on April 7, 1979. He is also survived by children: Nick (Alli) Melvin of Rushsylvania, Jackie (Brock) Ridder of Zanesfield, and Julie (Isaac) Akins of Zanesfield; 5 grandchildren: Lucas and Cassidy Melvin, Grayson Ridder, Melanie and Bennett Akins; a sister Layna (Jeff Fruth) Melvin of Colorado; step-siblings: Vickie (Michael) Smith of Hilliard, and Caryn (Brian) Enderle of Powell; his step-mother Mary Ann Melvin of Powell; and several nieces and nephews.

Ralph loved his family, his wife, kids and their spouses, grandkids, extended family and friends. He was a 1977 graduate of Worthington High School and began working at Stanley Steemer. This led to a 45 year career with Stanley Steemer International, it wasn't just a job – it was his passion and another family he was devoted to and loved deeply.

Ralph was an avid outdoorsman; fishing, hunting, gardening, boating, cutting firewood, and anything outdoors touched his soul. He shared this love with his kids, fami-

ly, friends, and his Stanley Steemer family.

Ralph enjoyed his life and always acknowledged how deeply blessed he was. We were all blessed to have had him in our lives.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, November 30, 2025, from 2-4pm at Rushsylvania Church of Christ, 170 E. Mill St. Rushsylvania, Ohio, where Pastor Ben Moore will lead Ralph's celebration of life service at 4pm. Casual attire is requested and the family invites you to join them following the service for a meal and time to share your memories and stories of Ralph.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Eichholtz & Daring Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Bellefontaine, is honored to serve the Melvin family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or message of condolence at www.eichholtzdaring.com.

Joan Moody

Joan Moody, 94, of DeGraff, passed away at 10:35 p.m. on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at Ohio Living Dorothy Love in Sidney, Ohio.

She was born in Logan County, Ohio on March 27,



1931, a daughter of the late Floyd Cecil Strayer and Gertrude (Evans) Strayer.

On June 4, 1950, Joan married Robert Eugene Moody, and he preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Lynne Woolley;

grandson, Scott Moody; three great grandchildren, Ruben Gibson Moody, Wyatt Moody, and Emma Moody; son-in-law, Tim Woolley; step granddaughter, Nicole Vagedes; and infant sister, Ilo Strayer; and a brother, Harry Franklin Strayer.

Joan is survived by two children, Steve (Audrey) Moody, and Connie Engler; nine grandchildren, Steven (Jamaica) Moody, Chris (Gwen) Moody, Adam Moody, Joni (Chris) Burmeister, Nikki (Mike) Tontrup, Brad (Stephanie) Woolley, Andrea (Brian) Lane, Jason Engler, Stacy (Rick) Cessna; several great grandchildren; step granddaughter, Kristel Forsythe; several step great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A homemaker and farmer's wife, Joan had worked as a cook for both Indian Lake High School and Bellefontaine High School. She was a member of the First Church of God in West Liberty and the Ever Ready Club. Joan enjoyed crocheting and jigsaw puzzles.

Pastor Nate Wilcoxon will officiate a graveside service in Greenwood-Union Cemetery in DeGraff, Ohio at the family's convenience.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, Maryland 21741-5014, or to the First Church of God, 315 E. Liberty Street, West Liberty, Ohio 43357.

Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Services, DeGraff, is honored to care for Joan's family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or kind message with the family at www.sanfordfuneralhome.com.

WELCOME

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Mindy," McClain says. "All of them. And she just said it was fine; we would go at my pace, and she would not push for anything I was uncomfortable with. Right then, I knew I had found my provider."

McClain says that Thompson took the time to listen to her and made her feel like a human being, not just another chart or patient to be seen. Thompson took thorough notes, noting not just items about her health but also details like the names of her family members and upcoming events in her life.

"She makes me feel welcome and heard," McClain says. "She is invested in me and my family. I am no longer nervous when it is time for a doctor's appointment. I enjoy Mindy and Araka, her assistant, and the whole vibe of the office."

"As with Kimala and all my patients, building a strong patient-provider foundation built on respect and trust is important," Thompson says. "I prefer to tailor each patient's care to their individualized needs and preferences to better equip them to meet their goals and succeed. I truly care and am invested in every

patient."

Giving patients the quality care they deserve

McClain is so comfortable with Thompson that when she tore her meniscus and needed a referral, she picked up the phone and called Thompson. Thompson recommended that McClain visit the highly acclaimed Mary Rutan Orthopedics & Sports Medicine practice.

"My visit to Mary Rutan Orthopedics & Sports Medicine immediately made me feel better," McClain says. "I was nervous to meet Joe Fawcett. He is intimidating because he is so tall, but he is a gentle giant."

"Kimala was referred to me by Mindy Thompson, CNP, who had already done an extensive workup and obtained an MRI of her knee," says Joe Fawcett, a physician assistant at Mary Rutan Orthopedics & Sports Medicine.

"When I first evaluated her, I could tell she was nervous, and I wanted to make sure she was comfortable with her treatment here. I always try to spend significant time with my patients to give them the quality care they deserve. During our discussion, we discussed several options, including many nonsurgical versus surgical



Kimala McClain, center, stands with her team of providers at Mary Rutan Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, from the left, Mindy Thompson, Joe Fawcett and Meaghan Tranovich. (MRH PHOTO)

treatments. Based on some of her other medical issues, we thought it might be best to treat this nonsurgically with a course of physical therapy and medication, which she unfortunately did not respond to. She ended up following up with me a few weeks later, and we decided that she would now be a

candidate to undergo surgical intervention by Meaghan Tranovich, MD. I arranged for her to see Dr. Tranovich in the office as soon as possible so we could get her the proper treatment for her injury."

"Joe listened to my concerns, understood my words and acted accordingly," McClain says. "He

set me up with Dr. Meaghan Tranovich, an orthopedic surgeon at Mary Rutan Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, and she was amazing."

"Medicine requires a team approach, and we are fortunate to have a fantastic team here at Mary Rutan," says Dr. Tranovich.

"Thanks to Mindy identifying Kimala's need for specialty care and Joe confirming the diagnosis with testing, we were able to provide Kimala with the best care possible."

Our physical therapy team is among the best I have encountered, and they ensured Kimala was able to return to all of her normal activities."

"I love everyone I have come in contact with at Mary Rutan Health"

McClain says her entire experience at Mary Rutan Health was a 180-degree change from her prior experiences with medical providers. At every turn, she felt seen and respected as a person. Her providers heard what she was saying and reacted to her symptoms and conditions, not those in a textbook or off a chart.

"They treated me like another human being," McClain says. "They did not use a lot of doctor-speak or use words I

would have to look up on Google later. I have not had one bad experience at Mary Rutan Health. My whole experience has been amazing. I have been to Mary Rutan Family Care in Waynesfield, the Mary Rutan Crawfis Imaging Center, Mary Rutan Hospital, Mary Rutan Orthopedics, and Mary Rutan Therapy & Sports Medicine for my PT. I love everyone I have come in contact with at Mary Rutan Health."

McClain is working hard to spread the word. Her daughter, mother-in-law and sister-in-law now see Thompson regularly. She recommends Mary Rutan Health to anyone who mentions they are looking for a doctor or who asks for a recommendation. McClain says the fact that we are close to home is just a bonus. However, she wouldn't mind fighting traffic to see a Mary Rutan doctor.

"Being just one town away from the main hospital is convenient," she says. "But the best part is seeing a doctor who listens and communicates—who doesn't push your worries or cares to the side because they know better. It just feels different. It is so much better."

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a rare Superman comic book! And it fetched \$9.12M!

BY JACK BROOK
AP REPORT

A copy of the first Superman issue, unearthed by three brothers cleaning out their late mother's attic, netted \$9.12 million this month at a Texas auction house which says it is the most expensive comic book ever sold.

The brothers discovered the comic book in a cardboard box beneath layers of brittle newspapers, dust and cobwebs in their deceased mother's San Francisco home last year, alongside a handful of other rare comics that she and her sibling had collected

on the cusp of World War II.

She had told her children she had a valuable comic book collection hidden away, but they had never seen it until they put her house up for sale and decided to comb through the basement for heirlooms, said Lon Allen, vice president of comics at Heritage Auctions. The brothers uncovered the box of comics and sent a message to the auction company, leading Allen to fly out to San Francisco earlier this year to inspect their copy of "Superman No. 1" and show it to other experts for appraisal.

"It was just in an attic, sitting in a box, could have easi-

ly been thrown away, could've easily been destroyed in a thousand different ways," Allen said. "A lot of people got excited because it's just every factor in collecting that you could possibly want all rolled into one."

The "Superman No. 1" comic, released in 1939 by Detective Comics Inc., is one of a small number of copies known to be in existence and

is in excellent condition. The Man of Steel was the first superhero to enter pop culture, helping boost the copy's value among collectors, alongside its improbable backstory, Allen said.

The previous record for the world's most expensive comic book had been set last year, when an "Action Comics No. 1" — which first introduced Superman to the

world as part of an anthology — sold for \$6 million. In 2022, another Superman No. 1 sold for \$5.3 million.

A small, in-house advertisement in the comic book helped experts identify it as originating from the first edition of 500,000 Superman No. 1 copies ever printed. Allen estimates there are fewer than 500 in existence today.

The copy was not given

any special protection, but the cool Northern California climate helped preserve it, leaving it with a firm spine, vibrant colors and crisp corners, according to a statement from Dallas-based Heritage Auctions. The copy was rated a 9.0 out of 10 by comics grading company CGC, meaning it had only the slightest signs of wear and aging.

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500 Lawrence St.
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Praise worship, Sunday school, 10 a.m. Evangelistic service, 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study, 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Bellefontaine Church of Christ
109 Two. Rd. 217 (next to Lee's Chicken)
(937) 593-2938
Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Bible study; Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Bellefontaine Open Bible
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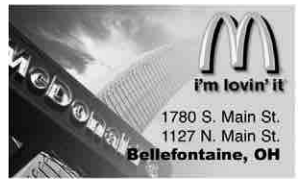
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Rev. Mike Phillips
Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

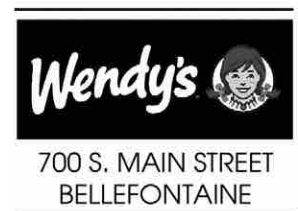
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1603 Road 183 (extension of E. Brown)
(937) 592-6576
Jason F. Miller, president
Testimony & Sacrament, 10 a.m., Primary & Sunday school 11:20 a.m. Priesthood, Relief Society & Young Woman 12:10 p.m.



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Church of the Brethren
534 S. Detroit St.
(937) 599-2251
Mike Roberts, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene
345 Washington St.
Kenneth Neighoff, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evangelistic service, 6 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Common Ground Church
613 Hamilton St.
Sunday worship gathering: 10 a.m.
[cgchurch.net](#); [-or-fb.com/cgchurchteam](#)

Covenant Fellowship
136 W. Columbus St.
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m.; Bible study, 7:15 p.m. Wednesday.

First Assembly of God
2833 S. U.S. Route 68
(937) 593-4778
John Musgrave, lead pastor
Sunday: 10:35 a.m. Worship & Children's Church.; Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. adult Bible studies, youth and children's ministry.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
215 E. Sandusky Ave.
Rev. Kevin Greenwald, minister
9:10 a.m. - Cafe Grace Praise and Worship; 10 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:05 a.m. - Wee Worship Children's Church (1st & 3rd Sundays); 10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship.
[bellefontaineccc.org](#)

First Church of God
1000 E. Brown Ave.
(937) 592-2546
Gary Brown, lead pastor
Ray Headings, senior adult pastor
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school; 10:30 a.m. worship service; Wednesday, 6 p.m. youth meeting and 6:30 p.m. prayer meeting, Bible study.

First Friends Church
808 W. Columbus Ave.
(937) 592-9461
Matthew Sandlin, pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.; InSight, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
208 W. Sandusky Ave.
(937) 592-7699
(Dial-a-Prayer, 593-3531)
Larry Novak, pastor
Sunday: coffee/fellowship 9 a.m.; worship 10 a.m.; Bible Study: Monday 1:30 p.m. & Wednesday 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
201 N. Main St.
Rev. Joe Ziraldo, pastor
Traditional worship, 9 a.m. (broadcast at 11 a.m. on WBKO 98.3 FM radio); contemporary service and Children's Church, 10:30 a.m.

First United Presbyterian Church
117 N. Main St.
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., Worship service 10:45 a.m. streaming weekly through Facebook and YouTube
Grace A.M.E. Church
233 S. Main St.
Rev. Kenneth Kelley, pastor
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Grace Chapel
Centre City Mall, Downtown Bellefontaine
Sunday, 6 p.m. Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Greater Christ Temple
616 W. Chillicothe Ave.
Karen Cane, pastor
Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship, noon; Bible study, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday; Brotherhood, 10 a.m., Women's prayer, 11 a.m.; Saturday; last Sunday of month, prayer 6 p.m.

Gretna Brethren Church
1564 S. Township Road 46
Rob Starnes, pastor
9 a.m. discipleship classes for children, adults; 10 a.m. praise and worship.

Hillcrest Baptist Church, S.B.C.
1505 S. Main St.
Daniel McCarty, senior pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. FaithWeaver Friends, 6:30-8 p.m. Childcare provided during worship. Radio message 9 a.m. Sunday, 1390 WBLL-AM.

Hi-Point Church of Christ
1815 State Route 540
John James, Minister
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Lunch Bunch: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1 p.m.; Rocket Club: 1st-5th-grade, 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Hi-Point Free Will Baptist Church
311 County Road II
(937) 935-5752
Scott Wisniewski, pastor
Bill Jones, assistant pastor
Sunday school 10 a.m.; Sunday worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hopewell Church Global Methodist
3746 U.S. Route 68 N.
(937) 539-6351
Cynthia Defibaugh, pastor
Worship 9:30 a.m., Wheelchair accessible. Live streamed on Facebook

Jehovah's Witness, Kingdom Hall
1801 Wright St.
(937) 599-5483
Charles Taylor, secretary
Sunday: Public meeting 10 a.m.; Watchtower 10:35 p.m. Thursday; Congregational Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Theocratic School, 8:05 p.m. Service meeting, 8:35 p.m.

Jubilee Mennonite Church
820 W. Sandusky Ave. (Lutheran Community Services)
937-592-8101
June-August, Worship 10 a.m.; September - May, Sunday school 9:30 a.m. & Worship at 10:45 a.m. [fb@jubileemno](#)

Pilgrim Fellowship, Congregational & Reformed
(937) 592-6387
Dr. Marshall Pierson, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Meeting at Shawnee Springs, 400 Kristina Dr.

Seventh-day Adventist Church
1910 County Road 130
Saturday afternoon services, Bible study hour 12:50 p.m. Worship service 2:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
316 E. Patterson Ave.
Fr. Shawn Landenwicz
Mass: Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Tuesday, 8 a.m.; First, third Thursdays, 6:15 p.m. followed by Adoration and Confession.

Solid Rock Baptist
1470 W. Sandusky
(937) 844-1400
James Frost, pastor
Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.
[solidrockbaptistchurch.info](#)

Vineyard Christian Fellowship
624 Township Road 55
(937) 593-0981
Eric Cook, pastor
Worship, Children's Worship & Childcare, 9:15, 10:45 a.m.; Student/Children ministries, Small Groups, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.
[vcfbellefontaine.org](#)

Wake Up The World Ministries
600 E. Brown Ave.
(567) 674-2722
Terry Robinson, pastor
Sunday worship and children's church, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 6:30 p.m.

Walnut Grove Methodist
Corner of county roads 12 & 26
David Moore, pastor
Service: 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m.

BELLE CENTER

Belle Center Church of Christ
Corner of State and Walnut St.
(937) 464-2611
Kris Langstaff, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible study.

Belle Center Cornerstone Church
Kevin Smith, pastor
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Reformed Presbyterian Church
Philip H. Pockras, pastor
For time and place of meetings, call 464-6851; listen at [sermonaudio.com/bc-rpcna](#); prayer meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.
[bcprchurch.org](#)

United Presbyterian Church
202 Walnut St.
(937) 464-2695
9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 worship.

DeGRAFF

Cornerstone Fellowship of DeGraff
(937) 585-5511
Mike Mitchell, pastor
Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Junior Church, 10:30 a.m.; Senior lunch 11:15 a.m. Thursday.
[cornerstonedegraff.org](#)

DeGraff Baptist Church
State Route 235
(304) 415-1728
Rev. Bruce Keeling
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wed.: Prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m.
[degraffbaptistchurch.com](#)

Logansville Community Church
(937) 441-1473.
Dana Kidder, pastor
Sunday: 9:30 Sunday school; 10:45 a.m. worship.
[logansvillechurch.net](#);

New Beginnings Community Church
127 N. Main
Mark Weaver, pastor
Sunday worship and praise, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

Stony Creek Church
Harold Liess, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Bible study/prayer meeting and youth group, 7 p.m. Wednesday.
[stonycreekcob.com](#)

EAST LIBERTY
East Liberty Church of Christ
Dr. Jason E. Robson, pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.

East Liberty Community Church
3045 Main St.
Worship: 11 a.m.
North Greenfield Church
9609 County Road 2
Worship: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m.

HUNTSVILLE

The Cornerstone Church at Huntsville
6611 Fruit St.
(937) 686-7101
Bryan Meadows, pastor
Ashley Sloan, youth pastor
Worship, 10 a.m.; Burnt Bagel Cafe, 9:15 a.m.; live stream worship and archived worship services online; staffed nursery, toddler and junior Church programs.
[cornerstonehuntsville.com](#)

Huntsville Presbyterian Church
6490 Fruit St.
(937) 686-2131
Ben Beres, pastor
Church school, 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m. Children's Church, 10:15 a.m.
[huntsvillepresbyterianchurch.com](#)

LAKEVIEW

Christ United Methodist Church
110 Brown & State Route 235
(937) 843-3029
David Moore, pastor
10:15 a.m.; coffee and doughnuts, 10:45 a.m., worship, 10:15 a.m.

Hope Harbor Baptist Church
8330 S. S.R. 255
(937) 935-9314
Fred Albert, pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday; carry-in dinner and youth group, 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Indian Lake Baptist Church
225 W. Lake
(937) 596-6880
Donald D. Faulder, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Indian Lake Northside Church of the Nazarene
13699 N. State Route 235
(937) 843-5946
Tim Moebs, pastor
Sunday school, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday service, 7 p.m.; nursery provided.

LEWISTOWN

Lewistown-Trinity United Methodist Church
8088 County Road 54
(937) 686-8355
Rod Brower, pastor
Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; wheelchair lift available.
[LTUMC.com](#)

MIDDLEBURG

Middleburg Community Church
(937) 666-2844 or (937) 666-4694
Thad McGehee, interim pastor
9:30 a.m. worship; 10:45 Sunday school.
[middleburgcch@gmail.com](#)

PICKRELLTOWN

Monroe Community
6458 County Road 29, West Liberty
(937) 935-8293
Rob Kilgore, pastor
Sunday School, 9 a.m.; last Sunday Friends and Family breakfast; 10 a.m. worship; Bible study first three Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
[Find them on Facebook](#)

QUINCY

Buckeye Gospel Barn
8291 State Route 235
(937) 585-6090
Jerry & Bobbi Allen, pastors
Sunday School, 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Kids class, 10 a.m.

Quincy Church of Christ
New Street and Miami Street
(937) 585-4786
Worship services, 10:30 a.m. with junior church; Sunday school 6 p.m.

Quincy Methodist Church
Mike Mitchell, pastor
Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m.; Ramp, hearing assisted devices available; Wednesday 6:30 p.m., choir practice; Five Loaves Food Pantry for Riverside Local school District residents served 5 to 7 p.m. third Wednesday.

RIDGEWAY

Church of Christ
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30

First Church of God
Tim Kohl, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. ;Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible study, prayer meeting
[rfcog.com](#)

Ridgeway United Methodist Church
Mike Raypholtz, pastor
Adult Bible Study 9 a.m., Church 10 a.m.

RUSHSYLVANIA

Big Springs Methodist Church
John Rozewicz, pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m., Worship, 11

Church of Christ
(937) 935-9651
[office@rushchurch.com](#)
John Watkins, senior pastor;
Cody Caudill, student pastor;
Ashlee Phillips, children's minister

United Methodist Church
April Phillips, pastor
Rushsylvania: Sunday School: 8:30 a.m., Worship: 9:30 a.m.

RUSSELLS POINT

Galilee Lutheran Church
301 Lincoln Blvd.
(937) 843-3906
[galileeoffice@embarqmail.com](#).
Karen Torrez, pastor
Coffee fellowship 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion 10 a.m. Sunday; Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m. Tuesday; Community Outreach Center homework help, 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Indian Lake Community Church/ Lighthouse of Indian Lake
(937) 843-5636
Ministry team: Jim Ellington, Karen Blackburn, Dave Hafenbrack and Tara Cascioli
10 a.m. traditional, 11 a.m. contemporary service. Children's programs offered during both services. No nursery care. Good Samaritan-Outreach, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Thursdays; free community meal, 5-6:30 p.m. last Wednesdays of the month (Lighthouse); Ignite program 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays (Lookout youth center).

Indianlakecommunitychurch.org
Russell Community Church Indian Lake
8081 State Route 366
(937) 524-9821
Nick Shaner, pastor
Contemporary worship and children's ministry 10 a.m. Sunday.
[questindianlake.com](#)

Russells Point Church of God
430 State Route 708
(937) 843-3297
Worship, 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school 9:30 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible study, 7 p.m. Wednesday.

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
464 Madison Ave.
(937) 843-3127
Rev. Shawn Landenwicz, Pastor
Sunday Mass Schedule — Saturdays 6 p.m. and Sundays 8 a.m.; additional 10 a.m. Sundays Memorial Day through Labor Day; Weekday Mass — 8 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays; 2nd and 4th Thursdays 6:15 p.m., followed by adoration/reconciliation; reconciliation by appointment also.

WEST LIBERTY

Bethel Mennonite Church
416 Washington St.
Rebecca Kauffman, pastor
Worship, Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
[bethelchurchwl.org](#)

First Church of God
315 Liberty St.
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, children's church, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Grace Chapel
Zach Dudenhofer, pastor
Sunday, Sunday School, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

McKees Creek Chapel
(937) 887-8080
Chris Starbuck, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove Mennonite Church
1525 Mennonite Church Road
(937) 465-4749
Alex Dye, lead pastor
Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. (livestream available)
[church@oakgrovemennonite.org](#)

Quest Community Church
110 South St.
(937) 465-0141
Jessica Dolan, interim assoc. pastor
Sunday: 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.; contemporary worship and Quest Kids children's ministry; Student Ministry Sunday 6-7:30 p.m.
[questchurchonline.com](#)

South Union Mennonite Church
56 State Route 508
(937) 465-6085
Matthew Williams, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.
[southunionchurch.org](#).

Union Chapel Community Church
State Route 287
Jeremy Sarver, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Connection Group.

United Church of Christ, Congregational Christian
212 W. Newell
(937) 465-2761
Karen Griswold, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church
Rod Brower, pastor
Traditional worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
[fb://westlibertyunited-methodistchurch](#)

United Presbyterian Church
Keith Landis, pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.

WEST MANSFIELD

Baptist Church
Rev. Ron Sanderson, pastor
Church service: 10 a.m.

Byhalia Evangelical Friends Church
31654 State Route 31
(937) 982-3561
Jim Gardner, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children's church, 10:30 a.m. nursery available; Every other Monday, Hour of Power Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; Free Love Supper, 5-6:30 p.m. last Saturday of month.

Church of Christ
Jack Knox, minister
Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m.

Heart of God Ministries
20529 Treaty Line Road
Jane and Junior Hileman, pastors
Worship, 10:15 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday.

West Mansfield Methodist Church
(937) 355-2401
Rev. Dr. Timothy Burden
Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. Worship, 9:30 a.m.

York Center United Methodist
28170 State Route 739
April Phillips, pastor
Worship, Sunday 9:15 a.m.

ZANESFIELD

Goshen Friends Church
5527 County Road 153
Wayne Downing, pastor
Sunday: Worship 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
[goshenfriendschurch.org](#)

New Salem Lutheran Church
6646 E. State Route 540
Worship, 9:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church
April Phillips, pastor
Corner of Columbus & Main Streets
Blended worship, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 10 a.m.
[zanesfieldumc.org](#)

Zanesfield Community Chapel
Keith Matthews, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m. Thursday.

OTHERS

Harper Community Church
3679 N. CR 25, Bellefontaine
(470) 345-8506
Anthony Davis, pastor
Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school 10:30 a.m.

Millcreek Church of Christ
24538 Lunda Road, Raymond
Jack Knox, minister
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m., 7 p.m.

Mt. Carmel Friends Church
3470 Kennard-Kingscreek Rd., Cable
(937) 652-3252
Jereme Proudman, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer service, youth program and children's program, 7 p.m.
[mtcarmelfriends.com](#)

Mt. Tabor Church of God
Nathan Price, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday: Prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Friday: Young people, 6:30 p.m.

Muchinippi Church
Edward Shady, pastor
Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Wed.: Bible study, 7:30 p.m.

New Hampshire Church of the Nazarene
Curtis Randolph, pastor
Bible school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thurs.: Prayer meeting, 7 p.m. Teens and Junior services, 7:30 p.m.

New Hampshire United Methodist Church
Rev. Hal Argabright, pastor
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Bible study, 7 p.m. Wednesday.

New Richland Baptist Church
8651 County Road 39, Belle Center
Steve Smith, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship, singing and praising; Wednesday: Prayer meeting, 6 p.m.

Philadelphia Lutheran Church
5506 Road 201
(937) 638-1407
Jonathan Schriber, pastor
Hospitality 9 a.m. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.
[philchurch.com](#).

Roundhead United Methodist Church
17958 SR 117
Rev. Debra Ketcham, pastor
Sunday Worship, 10:3

STATE SEMIFINAL PREVIEW

Lakers meet unbeaten Liberty Center

BY MIKE FRANK
EXAMINER SPORTS EDITOR

History has been made — with a shot at more.

Indian Lake is one of four teams left standing in Division V football after powering their way to a win over North Union to claim the first ever regional championship in the program's history.

That sends them on to the state semifinals and a matchup with unbeaten Liberty Center on Friday night at Spartan Stadium, the home field of Lima Senior High School.

If the Lakers can check that box, they go on to the state championship, which is set for Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton.

Against North Union, Indian Lake kept it on the ground due to the entire game being played in a driving rain.

They had two fumbles, but recovered both times. They finished with 41 carries for 346 yards.

Noah Shirk led the way with 19 carries, 187 yards and four touchdowns on the night. Brady Golliday showed off his dual threat capabilities with 16 carries for 47 yards and one score.

Gavin Henry (2-46), Dawson Stevenson (3-40) and Brodey Reisinger (1-26) helped give the offense a change of pace.

Golliday also completed 7 of 12 passes for 38 yards. Three went to Reisinger, three to Colin Bendler and one to Shirk.

They also exercised good discipline, with just one penalty for five yards.

For the season, Golliday is 194 of 290 for 2,233 yards, completing 67 percent of his throws. He has tossed 22 touchdowns and just four interceptions.

Shirk is at 1,207 yards on 191 carries with 19 scores and Golliday has 159 attempts for 677 yards and six TDs.

Besides Henry and Stevenson, the Lakers used lineman Aaron Rapp a few times in the regional semifinal against Mariemont.



ABOVE: Brady Golliday of Indian Lake sprints into the end zone ahead of a North Union defender to score the first touchdown during Friday night's game. BELOW: Keaton Yohey of the Lakers brings down Wildcats quarterback Nickolas Hajjar. (EXAMINER PHOTOS | TONY BARRETT)



Reisinger has crossed into four digits in receiving yards, with 83 catches for 1,104 and 14 touchdowns.

Bendler has 51 grabs for 464 (7 TDs), Henry 26 for 301 and Shirk 24 for 252.

Kicker Avery Pequignot did not have a field goal try on Friday, but is 8 of 10 on the season and has nailed all 50 of the extra point attempts. He also has a 38 yard average on punts. Rapp leads the defen-

sive attack with 130 tackles (44 solo, 14.5 for loss) and 13 sacks. Shirk has 90 (27 solo), Wyatt Whitsett 83, Reisinger 80, and Henry 74. Keaton Yohey has 5 1/2 sacks. The team has a total of 30 sacks.

They have recovered four fumbles and made 11 interceptions.

THE OPPONENT

Liberty Center is the champion from the northwest section of Ohio. They were the runner-up in 2024 and 2023,

as well as 1998 and 1993. This is the 11th time overall and third straight year they have been in the state semifinals.

In 2022, they lost to South Range in the semifinal, who went on to defeat Ironton for the title.

In 2023, they lost in the final to Perry 21-14, finishing 15-1 and last year, fell to Ironton 28-17 in the title game.

This year they are 13-0, having five shutouts in the regular season.

The Tigers began the year with nonleague wins over Tinora (42-0), Eastwood (48-14) and Otsego (40-0).

They continued to roll in league action, defeating Swanton (64-0), Bryan (76-7), Patrick Henry (35-6), Evergreen (57-7), Delta (39-0), Wauseon (56-0), and then topping Archbold, who finished second in the NWOAL 33-14.

In the Region 18 bracket, they received the #1 seed and got a bye in the first round.

They defeated #9 Oak Harbor 56-6, then downed #5 Liberty-Benton 42-10, and in Friday's regional final blanked Genoa 38-0.

Junior running back Garrison Kruse (6-2, 220) led the league in rushing with 1,319 yards on 96 carries, averaging 13.7 yards per run, with 22 touchdowns. Senior Thomas Mohler (6-0, 195) has 97 carries for 813 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Tigers quarterback, senior Kaden Kreinbrink (6-1, 210), has completed 58 of 91 passes for 995 yards with 15 touchdowns and three interceptions.

The top receivers are junior tight end Jaxton Lawniczak (6-1, 205) with 16 catches for 404 yards and four touchdowns, and junior Ethan Gray (5-11, 180) with 21 receptions for 305 yards and three scores.

The top tacklers are Kruse with 70 and senior Max Walker (6-0, 210) with 65.

The kickoff and punt returns are handled by JT Oelkrug. Kreinbrink is the punter with an average of 45.3 yards per kick, and the kicker is senior Tristan Grubaugh.

PLAYOFF HISTORY

The Lakers have a record of 8-7:

2015 — (Division IV, Region 12) — Lost to Ottawa-Glandorf 23-15

2016 — (Division IV, Region 14) — def. River Valley 34-7; lost to Ottawa-Glandorf 33-28

2017 — (Division V, Region 18) — Lost to Archbold 23-14

2020 — (Division V,

Region 18) — def. Willard 37-12; lost to Wynford 15-2

2021 — (Division V, Region 18) — Lost to Waynedale 33-21

2023 — (Division V, Region 18) — Lost to Coldwater 47-0

2024 — (Division V, Region 20) — def. Versailles 19-7; def. Preble Shawnee 28-14; def. Greeneview 28-13; lost to WL-Salem 21-14.

2025 — (Division V, Region 20) — def. Preble Shawnee 17-14; def. Mariemont 31-14; def. North Union 35-21.

The other state semifinals are:

DIVISION I

Middletown (11-2) vs. St. Xavier (10-2), at Dayton

St. Edward (11-2) vs. Olentangy Orange (13-0) at Mansfield

DIVISION II

Avon (12-1) vs. Walsh Jesuit (11-1) at Akron

Anderson (13-0) vs. Big Walnut (12-1), at Columbus

DIVISION III

Toledo Central Catholic (10-4) vs. Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (12-0), at Fostoria

Tippecanoe (13-0) vs. Bishop Watterson (12-0), at Mason

DIVISION IV

Indian Valley (12-0) vs. Glenville (10-3), at Minerva

Shelby (13-0) vs. Indian Hill (13-0), at Sidney

DIVISION VI

Colonel Crawford (13-1) vs. Kirtland (13-0), at Parma

Hopewell-Loudon (12-1) vs. Coldwater (10-4), at Wapakoneta

DIVISION VII

Columbus Grove (10-3) vs. St. Henry (12-1), at Troy

McDonald (13-0) vs. Hillsdale (12-1), at New Philadelphia

The state championship schedule:

Thursday, Dec. 4 — Division II, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5 — Division IV, 10:30 a.m.; Division III, 3 p.m.; Division I, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6 — Division VII, 10:30 a.m.; Division VI, 3 p.m.; Division V, 7:30 p.m.



Pictured from left to right are Bellefontaine's Addison Prosser, Chloe Heminger, Gracie Hood, Isabelle Gunnett, and Kodi Palmer. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Chiefs bowlers 10th at tourney

By The Examiner Staff
The team finished 10th out of 20 teams in a Kick-Off Tournament at HP Lanes in Columbus on Saturday.

The lanes used the oil pattern from last year's state tournament.

The teams bowled three regular games and two Baker games.

Gracie Hood had a 574 series (196-179-199), followed by Chloe Heminger at 499 (164-174-161). Next was Addison Prosser with a 484 (169-155-160), Isabelle Gunnett at 375 (125-138-112) and Kodi Palmer with a 309 (104-100-105).

The two Baker games

were 181 and 160, giving them 2,582 total.

They were seventh and faced the #10 team from Oak Hill.

In three Baker games, it was Oak Hill with scores of 157, 156 and 161 for a total of 474, and Bellefontaine with scores of 143, 158 and 122 for a total of 423.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Indian Lake tops Riverside

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Indian Lake defeated host Riverside 58-32 in a nonleague girls basketball game on Saturday.

It was the season opener for both teams.

The Lady Lakers got 24 points by Kennedy Schwaderer, and 10 points by Carly Strayer. Also contributing were Courtney Altstaetter with

eight, and Alivia Kinney and Hailey Smith with six apiece.

Strayer had 10 rebounds and Schwaderer made three steals.

For Riverside, Maddie Lemly had 13 points, Kenna Johnson got 10 and Kenzie Stotler added seven.

Indian Lake outscored Riverside 18-11 in the

first period, and had a 7-6 edge in the second to make it 25-17 at the half.

In the third, the Lakers had a 14-10 scoring edge, then scored 19 in the fourth, while holding the Pirates to five.

Both teams play tonight. Indian Lake will host Waynesfield-Goshen, and Riverside will be at Triad.

OHSAA approves NIL for high schoolers

BY JOE REEDY
AP SPORTS WRITER

Ohio has become the 45th state to allow high school athletes to enter into name, image and likeness agreements.

Member schools of the Ohio High School Athletic Association voted 447-121 to approve the referendum, which was moved up six months after a lawsuit by a standout wide receiver forced the issue.

Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge Jaiza Page issued a temporary restraining order on Oct. 20 in a lawsuit filed by the mother of one of the nation's top football prospects in the Class of 2027 seeking to allow students to enter into their own deals.

The OHSAA's new bylaw, announced Monday, goes into effect immediately and comes three years after members voted down a NIL

proposal.

OHSAA members decisively voted down a NIL proposal in 2022, 538-254. The issue continues to generate plenty of debate, with 247 schools — 30.2% of the 818 member schools — abstaining from voting.

"Whether our schools or individuals agree with NIL at the high school level or not, the courts have spoken on this issue

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Nicklaus to assist with renovating courses at Joint Base Andrews

BY WILL WEISSERT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump says he's enlisting the help of legendary golfer Jack Nicklaus to spruce up the courses at Joint Base Andrews — adding a site long known as the "president's golf course"

to his long list of construction projects.

The president took an aerial tour of the Courses at Andrews aboard Marine One on Saturday, and promised, "We're going to do some work" there, as well as to other parts of the base.

"We're doing some

fix-up of the base, which it needs. We're gonna try and reinstate the golf courses. I'm meeting with the greatest Jack Nicklaus," Trump told reporters outside the White House before boarding Marine One to head to Andrews. "He's involved in trying to

bring their recreational facility back."

Located in Maryland, about 15 miles (24.14 kilometers) from the White House, Andrews houses Air Force One. Gerald R. Ford was the first president to golf there in 1974, but the facility was most recently a favorite of Barack Obama.

An 11th Force Support Squadron asset, the facilities include three 18-hole golf courses, three practice putting greens, two private practice areas and a driving range, according to the Andrews website. Trump said at least two of the courses could get facelifts.

Trump has infrequently golfed at Andrews, but prefers to spend most weekends playing at or near one of his own properties.

Those are Bedminster in New Jersey, or Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida. On those weekends he remains at the White House, Trump often golfs at his course in Sterling, Virginia, near Dulles International Airport.

Nicklaus won 18 professional majors and 73 times on the PGA Tour. The Nicklaus Design firm features a team that has

completed more than 425 courses in 40 states and more than 45 countries.

Trump said Saturday that the base at Andrews "was a great place that's been destroyed over the years through lack of maintenance."

"So we'll fix that up, and Jack will be the architect and he'll design it," the president said.

He also referenced, "Two existing courses that are in very bad shape" saying, "we can — for very little money — fix it up."

"And we're looking at other things over at Andrews," Trump added.

Trump's comments immediately raised questions about who is paying Nicklaus, and how much such design services might cost. Also, given

that Andrews is military property, who pays for improvements to its golf courses or other parts of its grounds was also unclear. Andrews deferred queries on the matter to the White House, which didn't respond to a request for more details.

The potential Andrews redesign follows construction crews already having demolished the East Wing of the White House to make room for a \$300 million ballroom that Trump commissioned.

He's promised that it is being paid for by himself and private donors — including 37 individuals, firms and charitable organizations that have publicly disclosed contributing to the project.

NIL

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across the country that the NCAA and high school athletic associations cannot prevent a student-athlete from making money on their NIL," OHSAA executive director Doug Ute said in a statement.

The bylaw establishes reporting procedures and limitations so that students do not jeopardize their eligibility while adhering to recruiting and amateur bylaws.

Jasmine Brown, the mother of Jamier Brown, filed the lawsuit in Franklin County Common Pleas Court on Oct. 15 in her role as "parent or guardian." Brown is a junior who attends Wayne High School in Huber Heights, a suburb of Dayton. He is the top wide receiver prospect in the Class of 2027. Brown has verbally committed to Ohio State University, which is in

Franklin County.

Brown's mother and attorneys stated that Brown already has missed out on more than \$100,000 in potential NIL deals.

Luke Fedlam, Brown's attorney with the Amundsen Davis law firm in Columbus, said they plan to ask for their lawsuit to be dismissed. Another hearing on a preliminary injunction is scheduled for Dec. 15.

"This represents not only a significant victory for Jamier Brown and his family, but hardworking high school student-athletes across the entire state of Ohio," Fedlam said. "Mr. Brown wanted to see these changes positively impact high school student athletes across the state, and he has now achieved that."

Alabama, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi and Wyoming remain the only states without a high school NIL framework.

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BY SHARYN KOPF • EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

The Holland Theatre and Windmill Productions are pleased to present "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. With only two performances, tickets are sure to disappear quickly. At least we certainly hope so!

Based on the 1946 film, this retelling of the beloved story combines the heartfelt dialogue so many have enjoyed with the unexpected fun of being "on air." On top of that, the audience will revel in hearing classic Christmas carols while answering 1940s trivia, all coming together to celebrate the holiday season.

Some of your favorite local actors accepted the challenge to tackle not one but several roles of different characters of varying ages. The task of making each one unique, the talented cast will

admit, has really stretched them as actors.

You'll laugh and cry as Rob Nicholson, playing Jake Laurents as the voice of our hero George Bailey, goes from squeaky-voiced child to a grown man struggling to make his way in the world.

"This production is full of heart," Nicholson stated. "You can feel it onstage, you can feel it backstage, and I hope the audience feels it when they walk out the doors."

Nicholson is joined by Examiner reporter Nikki Burkhamer as Sally Applewhite,

BELOVED HOLIDAY MOVIE PORTRAYED ON STAGE AS A LIVE RADIO BROADCAST



Members of the cast of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" rehearse a scene at the Holland Theatre in preparation for performances on Dec. 6 and 7. Pictured, from left, are Don Corwin, Abby Dillon, Larry Novak, Chris Hildreth-Blair, Nikki Burkhamer and Rob Nicholson.

"This production is full of heart...

You can feel it onstage, you can feel it backstage, and I hope the audience feels it when they walk out the doors."

- Rob Nicholson, Cast Member

whose soft-spoken charm truly captures the hometown warmth of Mary Hatch Bailey. She hopes the performance will remind the audience of the joy the Christmas season brings as we "focus on family and gratefulness."

Fellow Examiner reporter Sharyn Kopf, as actress Hope Merryweather, takes on as many as six different characters. A challenge she describes as "a fun way to explore all of my hid-

den personalities." Also gracing the stage are Q Snyder, Larry Novak, Chris Hildreth-Blair, Abby Dillon, Jaronn Carpenter, Don Corwin and Mayleigh Lane, all performing a variety of roles and sound effects.

You're invited to join in the true spirit of the performance, from wearing your Sunday and/or 1940s best to simply dressing in something with a festive flair.

"How could it not get people in the holiday

spirit?" Novak asked optimistically, even though he strikes the perfect sinister tone as the town villain, Henry F. Potter. On the opposite spectrum, Hildreth-Blair, reading the part of the angel Clarence, carried on the optimism when he added, "Being part of such a magical classic really fills my heart with such joy!"

For director Anita Craig, Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without "It's a Wonderful Life. Her

goal is to immerse the audience in the show—"to suspend reality and make them feel like they're not just there to watch a play, but to exist in that time and place for a couple of hours."

With that in mind, the music, costumes, script and all the added extras are designed to transport the audience back to a

1940s small-town radio station. And having it all set in the historic Holland Theatre will only enhance that experience.

You don't want to miss this tremendous production of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play", so don't dilly dally!

Contact the Holland for your tickets today.

PREVIEW



HOLIDAYS AT THE HOLLAND: MUSIC AND MORE TO CELEBRATE DURING DECEMBER

BY EXAMINER STAFF

Celebrate the holidays at the Holland Theatre during December with a reimagined holiday classic and music for all tastes: Irish, jazz, and more! The month will see a mix of local and regional performers taking the stage to spread Christmas cheer.

First up is "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" from Windmill Productions on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m.

This version of the beloved holiday movie is presented as a live 1940s radio broadcast. Local actors portray multiple roles and create sound effects, bringing to life the story of idealistic George Bailey as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve.

Next up will be The Drowsy Lads: An Irish Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

This crowd-pleasing band returns to the Holland for another rousing evening—this time with a lively assortment of Christmas music mixed with the band's trademark traditional Irish tunes. This event is sponsored by WYSO 91.3 FM.

The music continues on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m., with the West Central Ohio Community Concert Band's annual free holiday concert. Now in its 33rd season, the WCOCCB is under the direction of Joe Antram. The theme for the concert is, "Celebrating the Sounds of Christmas Across Europe."

Tickets for this popular event are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Finally, The Yuletide 5 presents an evening of Christmas jazz on Friday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Featuring some of the region's most talented musicians, the jazz combo shares soulful versions of holiday classics.

The Holland will also offer a series of movies for all ages during shutdown week between Christmas and New Year's Day; more details will be released soon.

This season's sponsor is Beasley Architecture & Design, with media sponsorship from the Bellefontaine Examiner and V-Teck Communications, and season support from the Ohio Arts Council.

Tickets are available online at TheHolland.org by phone at (937) 592-9002, or in person at the box office, 127 E. Columbus Ave.

Contact the box office for special youth ticket prices and group discounts. Box office hours are Tuesday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday and Friday 1 to 5 p.m.

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KOPF

Sharyn Kopf, Examiner reporter, has been performing at the Holland Theatre since she came to Bellefontaine over a decade ago. In fact, she was cast in her first role—as Mrs. Soames in "Our Town"—two weeks before she actually moved here! Since then, you might have seen her as the mom, Grace Bradley, in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"; a snarky maid in "Ladies First"; and, most recently, Mrs. Higgins in "My Fair Lady". Sharyn loves being a part of this community not only through her work for the Examiner but in her experience on the Holland Theatre stage.



BURKHAMER

Nikki Burkhamer, also a reporter for the Examiner, plays actress Sally Applewhite performing the part of Mary Hatch Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life". She has been involved with many Holland productions over the years, often behind the scenes, and describes this performance as "an honor and a blast." Previously, you might have seen her as "ruv" in "Steel Magnolias" and Edna McCarthy in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". A language arts special education teacher at Bellefontaine High School, Burkhamer lives in West Liberty with her husband, James. The couple has four sons. She dedicates this performance to her late father, Douglas Johnson.



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Holland Theatre receives top billing as Best Historic Theatre of the Year

BY EXAMINER STAFF

The Holland Theatre's new marquee lights up the downtown Bellefontaine skyline following its restoration project that was completed this summer. Similarly, the theater recently took the spotlight at a statewide event—the Heritage Ohio's annual awards ceremony—and was named the Best Historic Theatre of the Year.

Present to receive the award on behalf of the Holland Theatre was

board member Jason Vogel, board president Kris Swisher, and architect Karen Beasley, who helped oversee the recent marquee restoration that propelled the Holland to winning this category.

The ceremony took place Oct. 15 at the Canton Palace Theater, as part of the Heritage Ohio Annual Conference in downtown Canton.

"The community support for this project was very impressive to everyone at the awards ceremony," said Swisher. "We are so thankful to live in a place where the performing arts are valued."

The Heritage Ohio awards honor Ohio's best projects, places, and people who create

lasting impacts through historic preservation and community revitalization. Winners were selected by an independent jury.

The Historic Theatre of the Year is presented to the historic theater, opera house or cinema that embodies the spirit of preservation. Nominees were judged for maintained integrity or completed restoration projects, active performance or screenings and community engagement.

The new marquee restores the original look to the building when the Dutch atmospheric theater first opened in 1931, with modern LED technology. The Holland raised \$440,000 in local donations for this project, and pledges

were matched by a \$220,000 grant from the Jeffrey Family Foundation.

"The Holland Theatre once again shines as a beacon of community pride in Bellefontaine, with its iconic vertical blade and grand marquee restored after more than 75 years," officials from Heritage Ohio said in a release.

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Benjamin Logan FFA recently recognized chapter members who received their Ohio FFA jackets and the donors who made them possible. Recipients include Kaelyn Amerine, John Titus, Azalia Archey-Stover, Rylan Cook, Elia Henry, and Mia Ortiz; with donors Jay and Kyle Ackley from Ackley Farms. Fellow FFA member Danielle Hoagland's jacket is sponsored by donor Laura Hannum of Trillium Farms. "We are proud to recognize the outstanding supporters who make it possible for FFA members across the state to receive their official blue jackets. Your generosity helps students step confidently into leadership, service and personal growth," Benjamin Logan FFA officials said. (BENJAMIN LOGAN PHOTO)



Drugs sneaked in soaked into the pages of 'Hillbilly Elegy'

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Vice President JD Vance's memoir, "Hillbilly Elegy," has a storied history as a New York Times best-seller, as his introduction to the nation as a "Trump whisperer," and as a Ron Howard-directed movie. Its latest role is secretly transporting drugs into an Ohio prison. Court documents

say the book was one of three items whose pages 30-year-old Austin Siebert soaked in narcotics and shipped to Grafton Correctional Institution disguised as Amazon orders. Siebert, of Maumee southwest of Toledo, was sentenced last week to more than a decade in prison for his role in the scheme.

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Up for a first reading Tuesday are ordinances that will make supplemental ordinances for the police, fire, cemetery, ambulance and the wastewater loan payment as well as a measure that will approve the 16.577-acre Ludlow Ridge Phase II subdivision dedication plat. There are no ordinances on the agenda for a third reading at Tuesday's meeting.

Prior to the regular meeting, at 7 p.m. Tuesday the council will conduct a

public hearing on a request from Gary Alexander Jr., 1393 Township Road 179, that the city annex four parcels of land totaling approximately 63 acres, all of which lie on the east side of T.R. 179 across from the Maris Park project.

All four parcels, numbers 12-092-00-00-025-001, 12-092-00-00-025-003, 12-092-00-00-025-004 and 12-092-00-00-025-000, lie within Jefferson Township.

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Christmas tree retailers find lots to like at a Pennsylvania wholesale auction

MIFFLINBURG, Pa. (AP) — Christmas went on the auction block this week in Pennsylvania farm country, and there was no shortage of bidders.

About 50,000 Christmas trees and enough wreaths, crafts and other seasonal items to fill an airplane hangar were bought and sold by lots and on consignment at the annual two-day event put on at the Buffalo Valley Produce Auction in Mifflinburg.

Buyers from across the Northeast and mid-Atlantic were there to supply garden stores, corner lots and other retail outlets for the coming rush of customers eager to bring home a tree — most commonly a Fraser fir — or to deck the halls with miles of greenery.

Bundled-up buyers were out in chilly temperatures to hear auctioneers hawk boxes of ornaments, bunches of winterberry, cotton branches, icicle lights, grave blankets, red bows and tree stands. It was nearly everything you would need for Christmas except the food and the presents.

Americans' Christmas tree buying habits have been evolving for many

years. These days homes are less likely than in years past to have a tree at all, and those that do have trees are more likely to opt for an artificial tree over the natural type, said Marsha Gray with the Howell, Michigan-based Real Christmas Tree Board, a national trade group of Christmas tree farmers.

Cory Stephens was back for a second year at the auction after his customers raved about the holiday decor he purchased there last year for A.A. Co. Farm, Lawn & Garden, his store a three-hour drive away in Pasadena, Maryland. He spent nearly \$5,000 on Thursday.

"It's incredible, it's changed our whole world," Stephens said. "If you know what you're looking for, it's very hard to beat the quality."

Ryan Marshall spent about \$8,000 on various decorations for resale at Ward's Berry Farm in Sharon, Massachusetts. Among his purchases were three skids of wreaths at \$29 per wreath — and he expected to double his money.

"The quality's good, and it's a place that you can pick it out yourself," he said.

Gray said her group's

research shows the main reason people pick a real tree over an artificial tree "is the scent. They want the fresh scent of a real Christmas tree in their home." Having children in the house also tends to correlate with picking a farm-grown tree, she said.

An August survey by

the Real Christmas Tree Board found that 84% of growers did not expect wholesale prices to increase this season.

Buffalo Valley auction manager Neil Courtney said farm-grown tree prices seem to have stabilized, and he sees hope that the trend toward artificial trees can be

reversed.

"Long story short — we'll be back on top of the game shortly," Courtney said. "The live tree puts the real Christmas in your house."

A survey by a trade group, the National Christmas Tree Association, found that

more than 21 million farm-grown Christmas trees were sold in 2023, with median price of \$75. About a quarter of them were purchased at a "choose-and-cut" farm, one in five from a chain store, and most of the rest from nurseries, retail lots, nonprofit sales and online.

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings in Case Nos. 25-392-EL-AIR, 25-393-EL-ATA, and 25-394-EL-AAM, In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for an Increase in its Electric Distribution Rates, for Tariff Approval and Approval to Change Accounting Methods. In its applications, Ohio Power Company seeks a rate increase of \$405,215,077 or an average increase of 25-392-EL-AIR, et al. -3 - approximately 41 percent over current revenues. After its review of the Company's application and records, the staff of the Commission recommends a revenue increase in the range of \$279,911,925 to \$296,025,228, or an increase in total distribution revenue of 28 percent to 30 percent over current revenues. The local public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local public hearings will be held as follows:

(a) December 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., City of Zanesville City Council Clerk, Council Chambers, 401 Market Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

(b) December 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., Columbus Metropolitan Library, Main Library Auditorium, 96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43215.

(c) December 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., Washington State College, Arts & Sciences Building Room 227, 710 Colgate Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750.

(d) December 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., Owens Community College, Community Education and Wellness Center Building, 3200 Bright Road, Room CH 100, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

(e) December 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-B, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The evidentiary hearing in these proceedings will commence on January 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-A at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3797, by calling the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826, or by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing can reach the Commission by dialing 7-1-1 (Ohio Relay Service).

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entertainment

'Wicked: For Good' is even more popular than the first, soaring to a \$226 million global debut

BY LINDSEY BAHR
AP FILM WRITER

Universal Pictures' two-part "Wicked" gamble continues to defy gravity at the box office. Just a year after part one brought droves of audiences to movie theaters around the country, even more people bought opening weekend tickets to see the epic conclusion, "Wicked: For Good." According to studio estimates on Sunday, "Wicked: For Good" earned \$150 million from North American theaters in its first days in theaters and \$226 million globally.

Not only is it the biggest opening ever for a Broadway musical adaptation, unseating the record set by the first film's \$112 million launch, it's also the second biggest debut of the year behind "A Minecraft Movie's" \$162 million.

"The results are just fantastic," said Jim Orr, who heads domestic distribution for Universal. "Some

films can deliver a false positive when tickets go on sale early but these results speak for themselves."

Universal began rolling out "Wicked: For Good" in theaters earlier this week, with previews on Monday (\$6.1 million from 1,050 theaters) and Wednesday (\$6.5 million from 2,300 theaters). By Friday it was playing in 4,115 North American locations and had raked in \$68.6 million. IMAX showings accounted for \$15.5 million, or 11%, of its domestic haul — a November record for the company.

IMAX CEO Rich Gelfond said in a statement that the strong market share shows, "our momentum carries into demos and genres beyond our traditional core, including families."

As with the first film, women powered opening weekend, making up around 71% of ticket buyers according to PostTrak exit polls. Critics were somewhat mixed on the final chapter, but audiences

were not: An overwhelming 83% of audiences said it was one they would "definitely recommend" to friends. As far as foot traffic is concerned, the box office tracker EntTelligence estimates that about 2 million more people came out for "Wicked: For Good's" first weekend than for "Wicked's."

Jon M. Chu directed both "Wicked" films, starring Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande. The first film made over \$758.7 million worldwide and received 10 Oscar nominations (winning two, for costume and production design). The question is how high "Wicked: For Good" can soar. Combined, the two films cost around \$300 million to produce, not including marketing and promotion costs.

"The first film paved the way," Orr said. "It's really become a cultural event I think audiences are going to be flocking to theaters for quite some time to come."

Two other films also opened in

wide release this weekend, but further down on the charts behind a buffet of holdovers. Searchlight Pictures opened its Brendan Fraser film "Rental Family" in 1,925 theaters where it earned \$3.3 million. The Finnish action film "Sisu: Road to Revenge," a Sony release, also played in 2,222 theaters. It earned an estimated \$2.6 million.

Second place went to "Now You See Me: Now You Don't" with \$9.1 million in its second weekend, followed by "Predator: Badlands" with \$6.3 million in weekend three. "The Running Man" followed in fourth place with \$5.8 million, down 65% from its debut last weekend.

Although this weekend the box office was more of a winner takes all scenario, "Wicked: For Good's" success is vitally important for the exhibition industry as a whole as it enters the final weeks of the year.

"It sets up a very strong final homestretch of the year," said Paul Dergarabedian, Comscore's head

of marketplace trends.

After the slow fall season, the Thanksgiving blockbusters could not arrive soon enough. Early next week, "Zootopia 2" enters the mix and is also expected to drive big crowds to the cineplex over the holiday break.

Thanksgiving is often one of the biggest moviegoing frames of the year, Dergarabedian said, and both "Wicked 2" and "Zootopia 2" will benefit. Last year "Wicked," "Moana 2" and "Gladiator II" helped power a record five-day frame.

The running domestic box office is currently hovering around \$7.5 billion, according to Comscore. Before the pandemic, the annual box office would regularly hit \$11 billion, but the post-pandemic goal has lessened to \$9 billion. The big question now is whether titles like "Wicked: For Good," "Zootopia 2" and "Avatar: Fire and Ash" can push the industry over that threshold.

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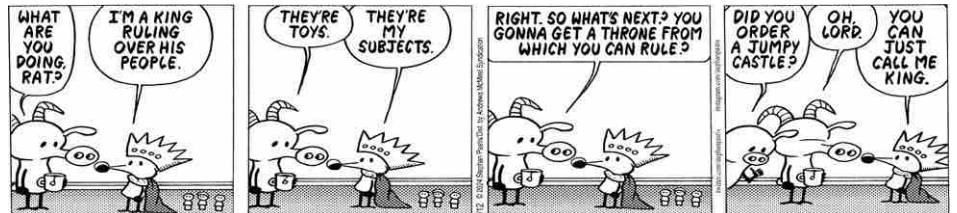
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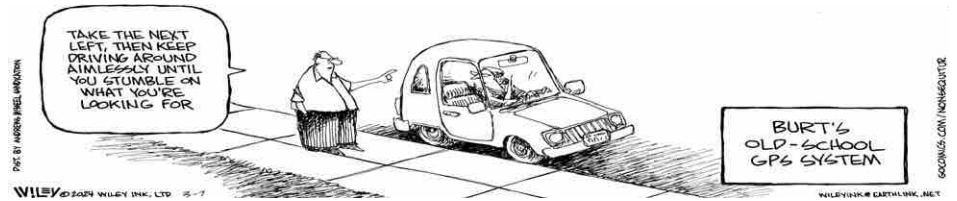
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ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) or major decisions from 4 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. EST today (1 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Capricorn into Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025: You're efficient, ambitious and, at times, a perfectionist. You're also independent and cherish your freedom. This is the end of a nine-year cycle. Take inventory of your life. Let go of people, places and things that have held you back. Do some internal and external housecleaning. Commune with nature.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Today you might have a candid conversation with a friend, a member of a group or an organization. For starters, relations with others are great today. You understand what they want without losing sight of your own needs. Travel plans, medicine and the law are favored. Tonight: Friendships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is an excellent day to talk to bosses, parents and authority figures about taxes, debt, mortgages or shared property. You might even discuss inheritances and insurance issues. Everyone will be reasonable. Furthermore, everyone will benefit from this exchange. Tonight: You're admired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Discussions about travel plans or something to do with publishing, the media or higher education might take place with someone close to you. You might even be involved in legal or medical matters. Whatever the case, you'll make good progress. Tonight:

Explore!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Today is a productive day for you, which means you can count on getting a lot done. You will also get support (both financial and practical) from others in terms of money, budgets or equipment. Meanwhile, old flames are on the scene. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Today you have to cooperate with others and possibly compromise a bit, which is not a big thing. Fortunately, relations with partners and close friends will be sociable. Discussions about kids, vacations and fun outings will be positive. Expect to hear from relatives. Tonight: Cooperate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ This is a productive day, especially for those of you who work from home. You might be involved with a parent more than usual. Be on guard about transportation delays, car problems, mixed-up communications and close friends will be sociable. Discussions about kids, vacations and fun outings will be positive. Expect to hear from relatives. Tonight: Cooperate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a lovely day to schmooze! Contact friends. Meet someone for coffee or lunch. Enjoy playful activities with kids. The entertainment world and the arts will also appeal to you. No matter how hard you work today, take some time off for good behavior and enjoy yourself. Tonight: Socialize!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Family discussions might focus on money, earnings and cash flow today. You're doing your best to earn money, but it's going out the door faster. Nevertheless, this is an excellent time to buy wardrobe goodies for yourself, especially because you're running into old faces from your past. Tonight:

Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Today the Sun is in your sign dancing beautifully with the Moon, which gives you a feeling of inner and outer equanimity. It's a good time to take stock of yourself and give yourself some breathing space. If you've been rushed lately, take a moment to catch your breath and reward yourself. Tonight: Discussions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ A financial opportunity from an unexpected source might fall in your lap today, so keep your eyes open. It might come through a friend or some kind of a backdoor deal. This is because you can benefit from the world today, even in a casual way. Tonight: Check your money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with the Sun, which makes you feel in harmony with yourself and with whatever you're doing. Things will flow smoothly. Group activities will go well. Personally, you will have a feeling of vitality! Tonight: You win!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ This is a curious day, because in one way, you're high-vibe and admired by others. But in another way, you'll choose to be low-key and perhaps even hide. Might this be about a romance with someone who is different? Tonight: Privacy.

BORN TODAY
Actress Christina Applegate (1971), actress Jill Hennessy (1968), actor, screenwriter Billy Burke (1966)

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LOGAN COUNTY FAMILY COURT PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF EDNA M. SPONSLER, DECEASED

CASE NO. 25 ES 187 LEGAL NOTICE
Laura L. Chalfin, whose last known residence is 210 High St., Kenton, OH 43326, daughter of Edna M. Sponsler, will take notice that on the 24th day of September, 2025, Carl A. Andrews and Lori A. Andrews, Co-Executors of the Estate of Edna A. Sponsler filed the Last Will and Testament of said decedent in the Logan County Family Court, Probate Division. After a certificate is filed evidencing this notice, any action to contest the validity of this will must be filed no more than three months after the filing of the certificate for estates of decedents who die on or after January 1, 2002 and no more than four months after the filing of the certificate for estates of decedents who die before January 1, 2002.

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
The State of Ohio, Logan County
IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL DIVISION

RHONDA STAFFORD LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff
vs.
DELINQUENT PARCELS OF LAND AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MOLLY STILES, et al
Defendants
Case No. CV 25 07 0271
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain delinquent parcels of real property for \$5,576.15 in taxes, assessments, penalties, interest and any additional costs through the sale date on **Parcel No. 47-017-18-04-001-000**, located at 290 N. Main St., Lakeview, OH 43331, with last known owners Molly Stiles, also known as Molly Agnes Wertz, deceased. Whereas, such judgment orders such real property to be sold or otherwise disposed of according to law to satisfy the judgment, now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that, I, Randall Dodds, Sheriff of Logan County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder of an amount that equals at least Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$8,000.00) at 10:00

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a.m., in the lobby of the Logan County Sheriff's Office located at 284 C.R. 32 S. in Logan County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 17th day of December, 2025. The purchaser shall be responsible for all costs, allowances, and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.
The Logan County Land Reutilization Corporation has determined the property to be nonproductive vacant land and if no minimum bid is received on the sale date, the property shall be transferred to the Logan County Land Reutilization Corporation as an electing subdivision pursuant to R.C. 5722.03, with no second sale date.
Ten (10%) of the purchase price is due on the sale date with unpaid balance due within 30 days or concurrent with the confirmation of entry. Prospective purchasers should research the real estate prior to sale as the Sheriff has no access to the property and all properties are sold "as is" as Plaintiff makes no warranties as to the condition of the parcel or improvements, or status of title. A copy of the legal description can be obtained from the Logan County Map Room, 100 S. Madriver St., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311, reference Vol. 90, Page 970. Prospective purchasers are given notice the property is subject to Village of Lakeview Zoning.

Breanne N. Parcels Attorney for Plaintiff Logan County Treasurer

Randall Dodds, Sheriff Logan County, OH
Nov. 18, 25; Dec. 2, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
The State of Ohio, Logan County

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL DIVISION

RHONDA STAFFORD LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff
vs.
DELINQUENT LAND PARCELS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHRISTINE COOPER FKA CHRISTINE RICE, et al
Defendants
Case No. CV 25 08 0324

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain delinquent parcels of real property for \$6,712.08 in taxes, assessments, penalties, interest and any additional costs through the sale date on **Parcel Nos. 43-005-13-01-002-000 and 43-005-13-01-002-001**, located at 13411 Eagle Path, Lakeview, OH 43331, owned by Unknown Heirs of Christine Cooper formerly known as Christina Rice also known as Manufactured Home No. 02262, a 1972 Hollypark sited on both parcels, titled to Christina Rice; and Whereas, such judgment orders the real property and manufactured home to be sold or otherwise disposed of according to law to satisfy the judgment, now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that, I, Randall Dodds, Sheriff of Logan County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder of an amount that equals at least Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) at 10:00 a.m., in the lobby of the Logan County Sheriff's Office located at 284 C.R. 32 S. in Logan County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 17th day of December, 2025. No second sale date is required as the property is vacant and abandoned subject to R.C. 323.65. Prospective purchasers are given notice that the judgment decrees protects the interest of the adjacent property owner served by the well on these premises with a credit bid; in the event that owner is outbid at sale, any other purchaser shall be required to pay for separation of the water systems and installation of a new well to serve the adjacent owner's property, as well as reimbursement of any amounts the adjacent owner has expended on nuisance abatement prior to confirmation of the sale.

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain delinquent parcels of real property for \$8,524.53 in taxes, assessments, penalties, interest and any additional costs through the sale date on **Parcel Nos. 47-017-18-03-008-000 and 47-017-18-03-009-000**, located at 2 vacant lots on North Oak Street, (previously addressed as 175 N. Oak St. and 185 N. Oak St.), Lakeview, OH 43331, owned by Charles R. Disbennett of 12039 Shannon Drive, Lakeview, Ohio. The tax liens are the first and best liens and do not exceed the auditor's aggregate valuation of the premises of \$33,950.00. Whereas, such judgment orders such real property to be sold or otherwise disposed of according to law to satisfy the judgment, now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that, I, Randall Dodds, Sheriff of Logan County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder of an amount that equals at least Twelve Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,000.00) at 10:00 a.m., in the lobby of the Logan County Sheriff's Office located at 284 C.R. 32 S. in Logan

Breanne N. Parcels Attorney for Plaintiff Logan County Treasurer

Randall Dodds, Sheriff Logan County, OH
Nov. 18, 25; Dec. 2, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
The State of Ohio, Logan County
IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL DIVISION

RHONDA STAFFORD LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff
vs.
DELINQUENT LAND PARCELS AND CHARLES R. DISBENNETT, et al
Defendants
Case No. CV 25 07 0270

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
The State of Ohio, Logan County
IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL DIVISION

RHONDA STAFFORD LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff
vs.
DELINQUENT PARCELS OF LAND AND PATRICIA MONTROSE, et al
Defendants
Case No. CV 25 07 0295
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain delinquent parcels of real property for \$1,751.30 in taxes, assessments, penalties, interest and any additional costs through the sale date on **Parcel No. 09-062-20-03-014-000**, located at 3808 Harrison Road, Bellefontaine, OH 43311, with last known owners of Harold J. Stokes (deceased) and Patricia J. Montrose; and Whereas, such judgment orders such real property to be sold or otherwise disposed of according to law to satisfy the judgment, now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that, I, Randall Dodds, Sheriff of Logan County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder of an amount that equals at least Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) at 10:00 a.m., in the lobby of the Logan County Sheriff's Office located at 284 C.R. 32 S. in Logan County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 17th day of December, 2025. The purchaser shall be responsible for all costs, allowances, and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

If there is no sufficient minimum bid property may be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and the same place and time of day, on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 or otherwise disposed of according to law.
Ten (10%) of the purchase price is due on the sale date with unpaid balance due within 30 days or concurrent with the confirmation of entry. Prospective purchasers should research the real estate prior to sale as the Sheriff has no access to the property and all properties are sold "as is" as Plaintiff makes no warranties as to the condition of the parcel or improvements, or status of title. A copy of the legal description can be obtained from the Logan County Map Room, 100 S. Madriver St., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311, reference Vol. 599, Page 361. Prospective purchasers are given notice that a portion of the property is located within Zone AE floodplain and subject to the Logan County Flood Damage Reduction Regulation for unincorporated areas as well as Harrison Township Zoning.

Breanne N. Parcels Attorney for Plaintiff Logan County Treasurer

Randall Dodds, Sheriff Logan County, OH
Nov. 18, 25; Dec. 2, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
The State of Ohio, Logan County
IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL DIVISION

RHONDA STAFFORD LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff
vs.
DELINQUENT LAND PARCELS AND CHARLES R. DISBENNETT, et al
Defendants
Case No. CV 25 07 0270

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain delinquent parcels of real property for \$8,524.53 in taxes, assessments, penalties, interest and any additional costs through the sale date on **Parcel Nos. 47-017-18-03-008-000 and 47-017-18-03-009-000**, located at 2 vacant lots on North Oak Street, (previously addressed as 175 N. Oak St. and 185 N. Oak St.), Lakeview, OH 43331, owned by Charles R. Disbennett of 12039 Shannon Drive, Lakeview, Ohio. The tax liens are the first and best liens and do not exceed the auditor's aggregate valuation of the premises of \$33,950.00. Whereas, such judgment orders such real property to be sold or otherwise disposed of according to law to satisfy the judgment, now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that, I, Randall Dodds, Sheriff of Logan County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder of an amount that equals at least Twelve Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,000.00) at 10:00 a.m., in the lobby of the Logan County Sheriff's Office located at 284 C.R. 32 S. in Logan

Breanne N. Parcels Attorney for Plaintiff Logan County Treasurer

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LEGALS

County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 17th day of December, 2025. The purchaser shall be responsible for all costs, allowances, and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.
The Logan County Land Reutilization Corporation has determined the property to be nonproductive vacant land and if no minimum bid is received on the sale date, the property shall be transferred to the Logan County Land Reutilization Corporation as an electing subdivision pursuant to R.C. 5722.03, with no second sale date.
Ten (10%) of the purchase price is due on the sale date with unpaid balance due within 30 days or concurrent with the confirmation of entry. Prospective purchasers should research the real estate prior to sale as the Sheriff has no access to the property and all properties are sold "as is" as Plaintiff makes no warranties as to the condition of the parcel or improvements, or status of title. A copy of the legal description can be obtained from the Logan County Map Room, 100 S. Madriver St., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311, reference Vol. 9670, Page 26. Prospective purchasers are given notice the property is subject to Village of Lakeview Flood Damage Reduction Regulation as both parcels are entirely within Zone AE of the floodplain, and Village Zoning.

Breanne N. Parcels Attorney for Plaintiff Logan County Treasurer

Randall Dodds, Sheriff Logan County, OH
Nov. 18, 25; Dec. 2, 2025

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL DIVISION

RHONDA STAFFORD LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff
vs.
DELINQUENT LAND PARCELS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THOMAS HORCH SR., et al
Defendants
Case No. CV 25 07 0311

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain delinquent parcels of real property for \$6,668.50 in taxes, assessments, penalties, interest and any additional costs through the sale date on **Parcel Nos. 43-005-15-17-009-000**, located at 14113 Lindenwood Ave., Lakeview, OH 43331, owned by Unknown Heirs of Thomas E. Horch Sr. and Unknown Heirs of Sandra S. Horch; and Whereas, such judgment orders such real property to be sold or otherwise disposed of according to law to satisfy the judgment, now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that, I, Randall Dodds, Sheriff of Logan County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder of an amount that equals at least Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) at 10:00 a.m., in the lobby of the Logan County Sheriff's Office located at 284 C.R. 32 S. in Logan County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 17th day of December, 2025. The purchaser shall be responsible for all costs, allowances, and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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Breanne N. Parcels Attorney for Plaintiff Logan County Treasurer

Randall Dodds, Sheriff Logan County, OH
Nov. 18, 25; Dec. 2, 2025

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LEGALS

LLC, ET. AL, DEFENDANTS, COMMON PLEAS COURT, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO:
In pursuance of an Order of Sale in the above referenced foreclosure action, I will present for sale the property subject to said action at public auction online at <https://logan.sheriff-saleaction.ohio.gov> on December 17, 2025, at 1:00 PM.
The auction will be conducted in the order as submitted for sale, thus this property may not be open for auction at 1:00 PM exactly. A copy of the complete legal description may be found in the Logan County Recorder's Office in the prior instrument reference listed after the terms of sale.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to the Court's order and Ohio law, the property cannot be sold for less than the minimum bid listed below, being 2/3 of the appraised value of \$2,400,000.00. If Plaintiff or its assignee is the purchaser, no deposit is required. All purchasers except for Plaintiff shall deposit \$10,000.00 prior to the date of sale, with the online sale site.

Prior Instrument Reference:
Book 1123, Page 432,
Current Owner's Name:
CAMPBELL AID PROPCO LLC,
Property Address: 356 KENT DRIVE, BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO 43311

Parcel No.: 17-106-00-00-081-047
MINIMUM BID: \$1,600,000.00.
Jeanna M. Weaver, Esq. c/o Plunkett Cooney PC Attorneys for Plaintiff
Phone: 614-629-3000

Randall Dodds Sheriff, Logan County, OH
Nov. 18, 25; Dec. 2, 2025

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO FAMILY COURT DIVISION
LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF: APOLLO SHOFFNER
DOB: 08/28/2025

ALLEGED DEPENDENT CHILD

CASE NO.: 25 CS 32

MOTHER: DANIELLE DURANT
Last known address: 595 VAN BUREN DRIVE COLUMBUS, OH 43223

FATHER: ALAN SHOFFNER
Last known address: 400 LINCOLN BLVD, APT. 14 RUSSELLS POINT, OH 43348

Danielle Brooks, last known address, 595 Van Buren Drive, Columbus, OH 43223 shall take notice that a complaint has been filed in the Family Court, alleging that said child is dependent, containing a prayer or request for the agency to maintain or be awarded legal custody of the minor child with court-ordered protective supervision (COPS), or, granting legal custody to an appropriate relative or kin with the agency being awarded COPS or make other orders as the Court deems necessary as provided by law. The Adjudicatory Hearing shall be on November 26, 2025 at 11:00 AM; and the Dispositional Hearing shall be on December 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Logan County Courthouse, 101 S. Main St., Bellefontaine, Ohio. You are ordered to appear before said Court and show cause why the complainant's prayer or request for custody should not be granted. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

1. You are entitled to a lawyer in this proceeding in Family Court-Juvenile Section. The Court will appoint a lawyer to provide legal representation if you cannot afford a lawyer and meet certain requirements.
2. Maria Weil, Deputy Clerk, Logan County Family Court, may be reached at telephone number: (937) 599-7249 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. to arrange the prompt appointment of counsel for indigent persons. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer in this proceeding but believe you cannot afford one, you should contact the Court as soon as possible.

NOTICE: YOUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS ARE AT RISK AND THE COURT MAY GRANT PERMANENT CUSTODY WITHOUT YOUR APPROVAL IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THE HEARING AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTION.

Natasha K. Martin and Kim Kellogg-Martin Judges and Ex-Officio Clerks of Logan County Family Court, State of Ohio
Kylie Frazier, Deputy Clerk
Nov. 22, 2025

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1. Open to children 4-12.
2. Entries must be received by **Thursday, Dec. 18th by 4 p.m.**
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